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**REPLACEMENT AMENDMENT**

SIR:

In further response to the Office Action of January 11, 2008, this Replacement Amendment replaces the original Amendment mailed and filed on March 25, 2008. It is understood that this Replacement Amendment format is acceptable. *As requested, the S-signature of the signer Clifford A. Ulrich has been corrected.* This Replacement Amendment is being filed within one month of the Office Communication, which was mailed on August 6, 2008, so that no extension fee is believed to be due. (Any fees that may be due (including any extension fees) are authorized by the accompanying Transmittal paper).

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.